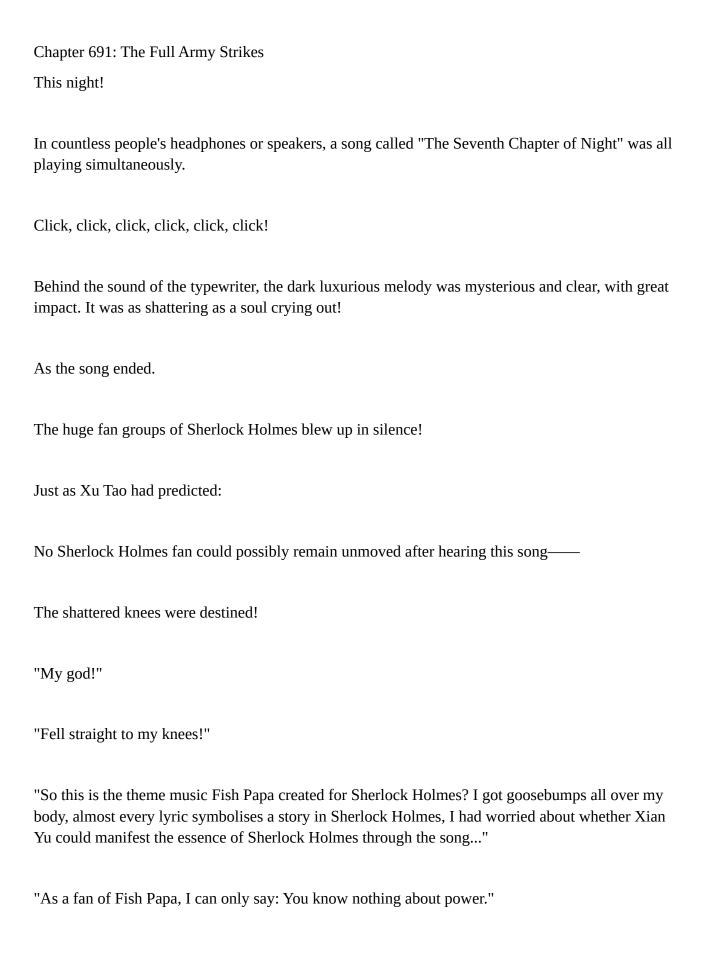
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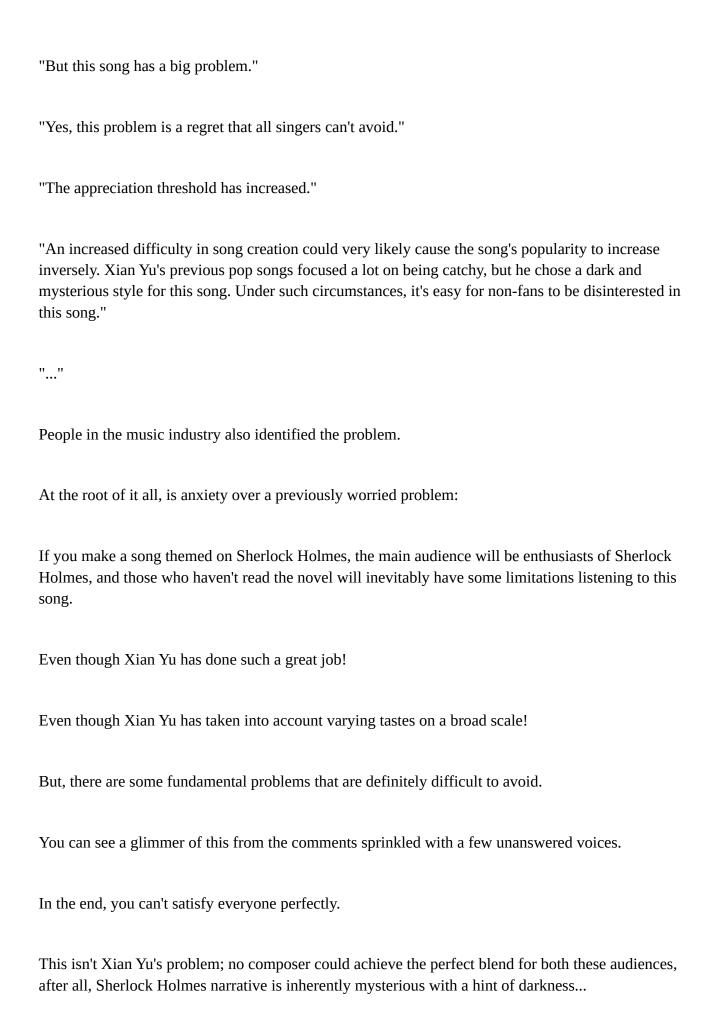


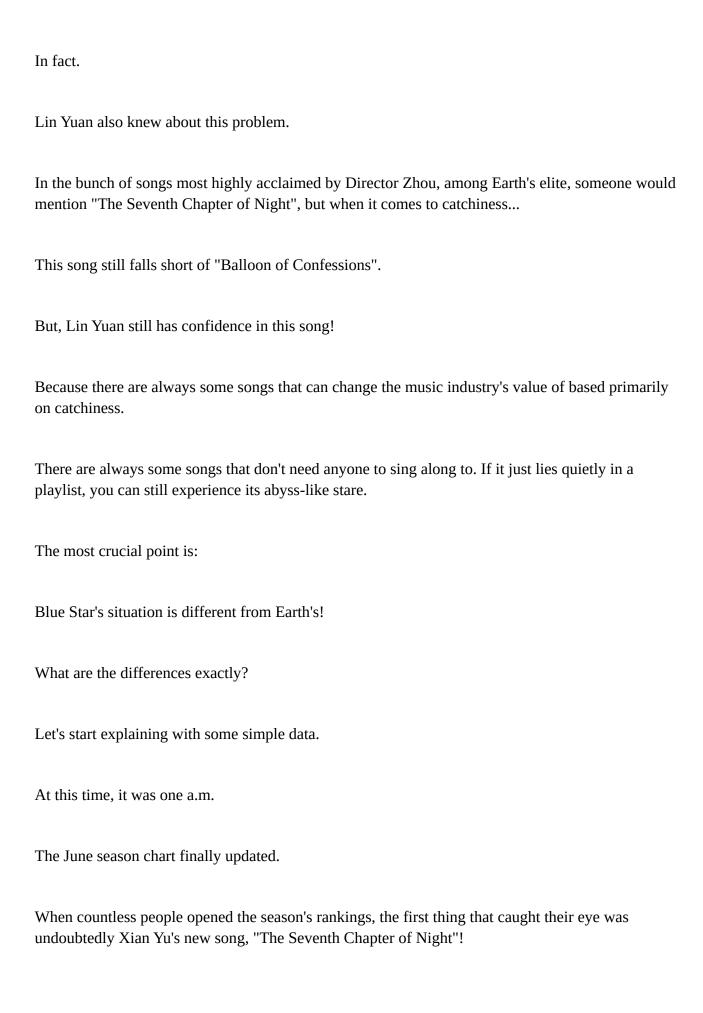
"Church bell, classical piano, and the accompaniment of organ, bass drum, pirate ship whistle, constant violin in the background, who doesn't know that violin is Sherlock Holmes' favorite instrument? This song is an absolute perfect depiction of the novel world!" "The atmosphere of mystery in the song is superb!" "Listening to the song, I feel like I could become Sherlock Holmes and solve cases!" "The eerie and sinister feel under the mysterious atmosphere, I've heard songs from Xian Yu before, but none of them had this sense of darkness. Definitely the best theme song for a novel, it's like goddamn movie soundtrack!" "Listen to this and I want to replay 'Sherlock Holmes'!" "Even though I graduated from Yan Continent Music Academy, I feel empty after listening to this song, those five years of my university life... this song will undoubtedly become a masterpiece in the heart of all Sherlock Holmes fans!" "Why the hell aren't we rushing for it yet?" "Even if it's not for the friendship between Fish Papa and the old rascal, or the fact that Xian Yu saved Sherlock Holmes, the quality of this song alone is worth all the Sherlock Holmes fans to go all out!" "..." Sherlock Holmes fans are shocked! This is a moment of celebration for Sherlock Holmes fans! Yet, at this moment, who else but Sherlock Holmes fans love this song?

Even those who hadn't watched "Sherlock Holmes", became captives of this song!

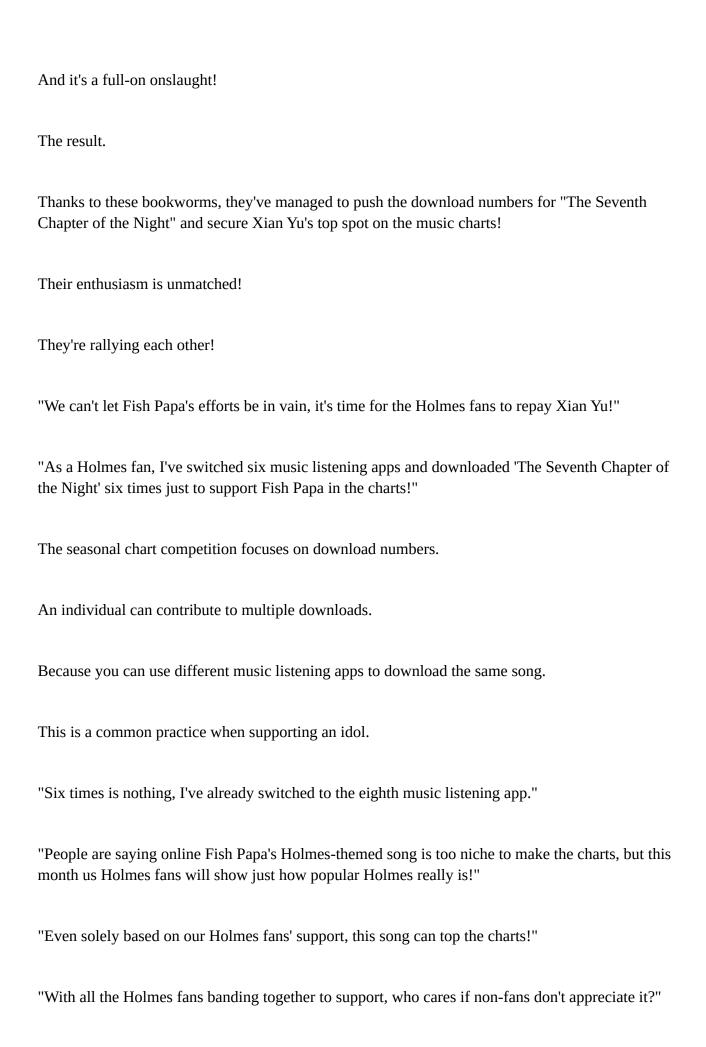






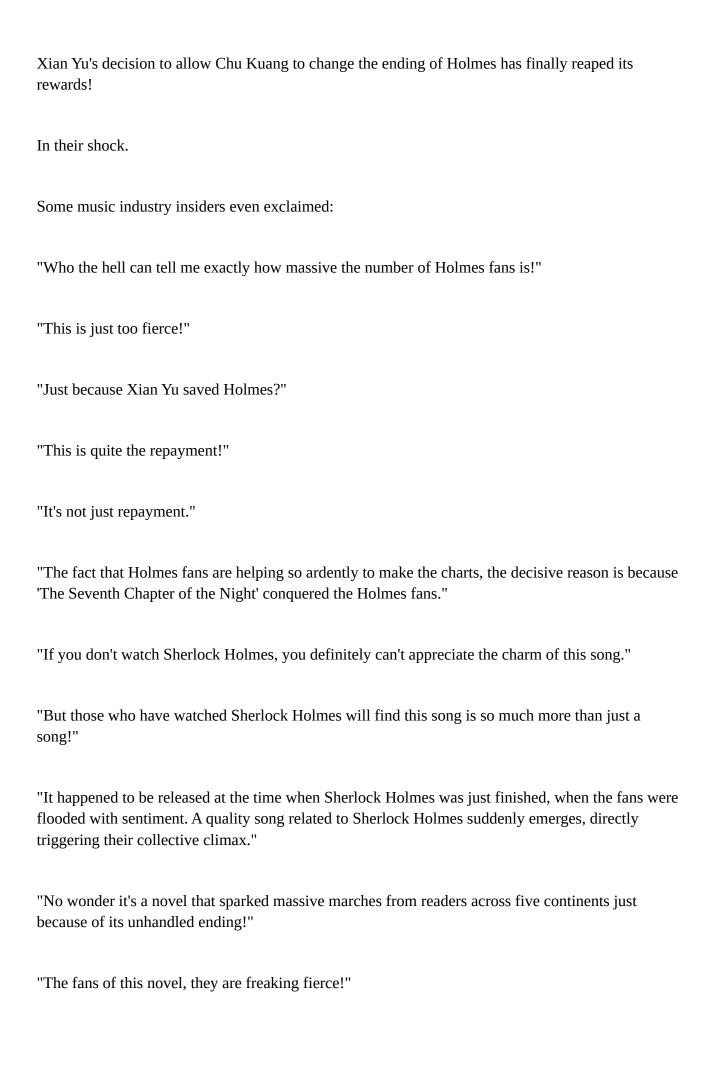


First place!
The data for this song left the second, third, fourth, and fifth places far behind!
And in those second, third, fourth, and fifth places were the tracks of the four other Maestros who released new music around the same time!
They were all stunned!
Everyone was stunned!
This had left everyone in the music industry in complete shock!
Could a song that's fated to lack popularity top the charts?
They searched through the comments and all kinds of responses on the internet about "The Seventh Chapter of Night", until they finally found the essential truth in a series of slightly crazy comments
A clue can be found in Chu Kuang's comment section.
The top comment, with the highest likes is:
[Guys, for "The Seventh Chapter of Night", let the world see the allure of Sherlock Holmes!]
Loyal fans of Holmes, unite!
Holmes fans, unite!
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Chapter 692: Calm on the surface, but actually panicking inside
The Holmes fans are making their move!



"I absolutely adore 'The Seventh Chapter of the Night', it's a song tailor-made for Holmes, Fish Papa has done so much for Holmes, it's time we repaid him!" "Located in Qin Continent, our Holmes fan group has six hundred members and we've already contributed eight hundred and fifty-three downloads!" "You guys are lacking, our Qi Continent group of three hundred has contributed over seven hundred downloads!" "Well, the Chu Continent Holmes Fan Club is picking up the pace, we'll scare you with our numbers later!" "The Yan Continent Fan Club is also stepping up, let's see who has the fiercest fans." "If we're talking about fierceness, our Han Continent isn't to be trifled with, Fish Papa was kind to us when he released his English songs, now all our Han Continent Holmes fans are raring to join the fight!" "..." While trying to make it to the charts. The fans from different continents have also started a rivalry. The five continents are competitive with each other while continuously rallying fans to support 'The Seventh Chapter of the Night'! It's quite rare. It's seldom seen that a group of non-ordinary fans supports, with their utmost dedication, a song to make it to the charts! In fact.

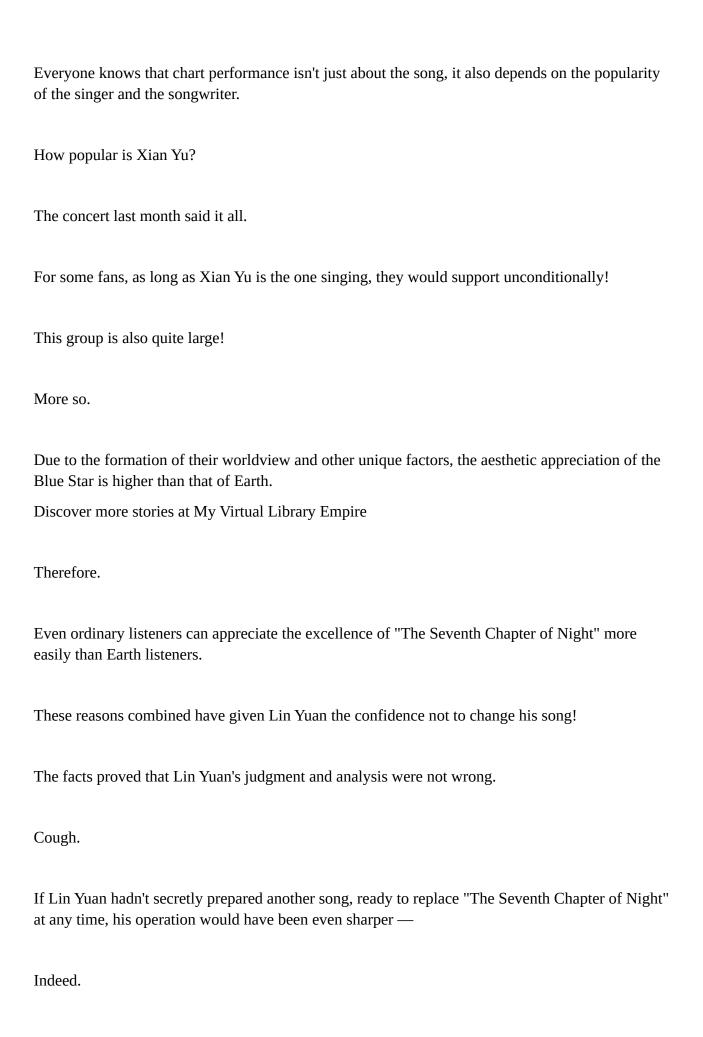
The goal of these Holmes fans is not only to help 'The Seventh Chapter of the Night' top the charts!
At the same time.
This is the first time the Holmes fans are flaunting their terrific influence to the world!
They want to prove how massive the Holmes fan group is!
So enormous that solely by their efforts, they can help a song achieve the seasonal championship!
Isn't it said that Xian Yu handcuffed himself by composing a Holmes-themed song?
Sorry!
We Holmes fans are not Xian Yu's handcuffs!
We're Xian Yu's powerful boost, an unprecedented boost, even a decisive force, let us determine the trajectory of the sixth season championship of the music world!
Under this passionate atmosphere.
The download numbers of Xian Yu's 'The Seventh Chapter of the Night' are skyrocketing, the top spot is becoming more and more unshakeable!
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Music professionals are known for analyzing music, not adept at analyzing the market and public opinion.
Who would've thought that the power of Holmes fans would be so tremendous!



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The previous music analysis was actually not bad.
It would be hard for Xian Yu's song to top the charts.
Not because of the song itself, but the audience of the work.
In terms of music style, the dark and mysterious theme is indeed a bit niche.
But everyone overlooked the power of Sherlock Holmes fans!
And also underestimated the impact of this song on them!
Before this, who would have thought that just relying on Sherlock Holmes fans could make "The Seventh Chapter of Night" top the charts?
What else needs to be taken into account?
Who cares if ordinary music fans aren't impressed?
As long as Xian Yu can satisfy Sherlock Holmes fans, that's enough!
More so.
Who said ordinary fans aren't impressed?
Ordinary fans are impressed too.
It's just that compared to Xian Yu's previous songs, ordinary fans might be a little less enthusiastic

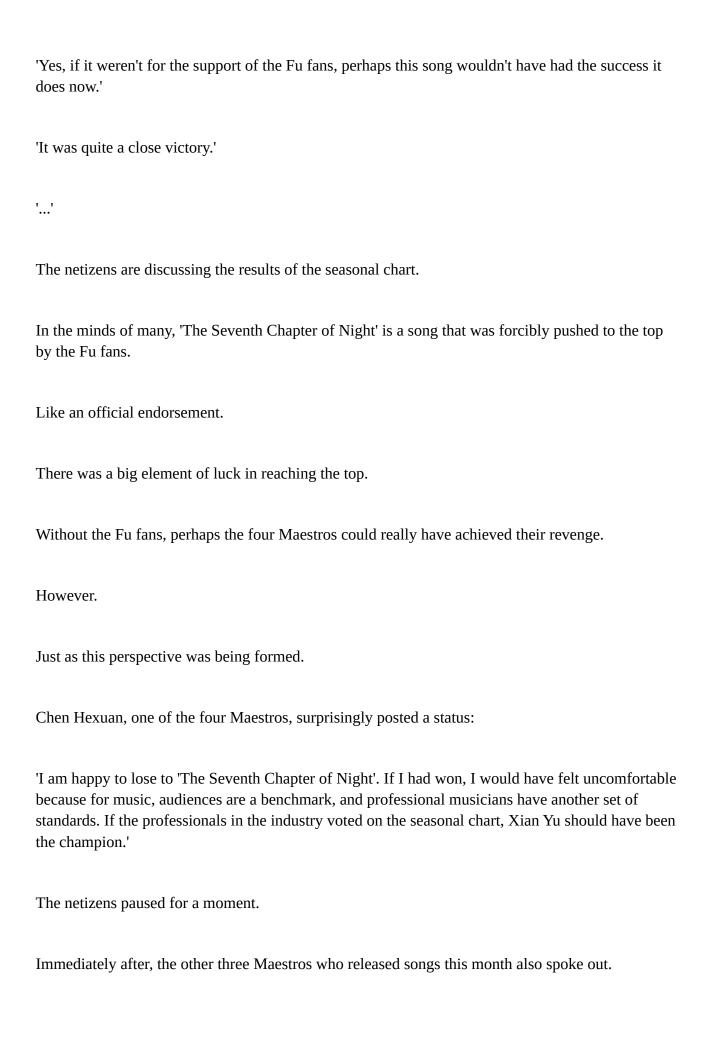
about this one.





Someone may seem calm on the outside, but he's freaking out inside. Chapter 693 Extremely High Professional Recognition "Yes. In order to secure his twelfth consecutive win, Lin Yuan is now being very steady. So despite saying that he wouldn't change his song, he actually prepared a new one on the sly. He was afraid that 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' would not meet his expectations. It's a good thing he didn't have to use it; otherwise there would have been more complications. By the time day broke, when people started to wake up and go to work, and reopened the season's ranking, 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' had already firmly secured its position at the top. 'Six-time champion!' 'Halfway to a twelve-time championship already.' 'Not even four Maestros could prevent Xian Yu from claiming the top spot this month.' 'Xian Yu has proved more than once that he has the abilities of an advanced, even top-tier, Maestro. After all, he once had a 300-round battle with Yang ZhongMing.' 'But it has to be said, the seasonal chart has become increasingly brutal.' 'Fish Papa's goal is a twelve-time championship, there will certainly be Maestros aiming to take him down.'

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An Xin: 'There's no such thing as luck, 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' should be number one. Even if it hadn't topped the seasonal chart, it would still be, in my mind, the deserved number one for this month. I don't like to use popularity as a standard to evaluate the quality of a song.'

Liu Rumei: 'Losing is losing. I wish Xian Yu continued success in the coming months. By the way, the arrangement of this song is one of the most outstanding works in recent years.'

Shen Lang: 'This is a highly professional piece of music that is so sophisticated it risks being too advanced for some. I have added it to my playlist. Maybe not everyone can appreciate this song, but among Xian Yu's works, this is my personal favourite.'

The netizens were shocked!

They thought the four Maestros would be upset, even disgruntled.

Because, the majority of the data contributing to the song's top place was provided by the Fu fans!

However, they didn't expect the four Maestros to praise 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' highly, without showing the slightest bit of resentment!

After all, netizens are not professional musicians.

Even if their aesthetic level or appreciation ability is good, their overall impression of a song can only be roughly divided into two categories:

'Good.'

'Bad.'

Only after seeing the four Maestros' evaluations did they realize that this song seemed to be quite amazing?

Indeed, this song is amazing.



The musician "Towards the North of the Sun", who previously thought Xian Yu released a song in June themed on Sherlock Holmes, also posted a status: "I was slapped in the face by Fish Papa. This lesson tells me that we mortals should not try to speculate the limits of these immortals. Fish Papa's reason for not changing the song must have been to pre-judge the reaction of Sherlock's fans.

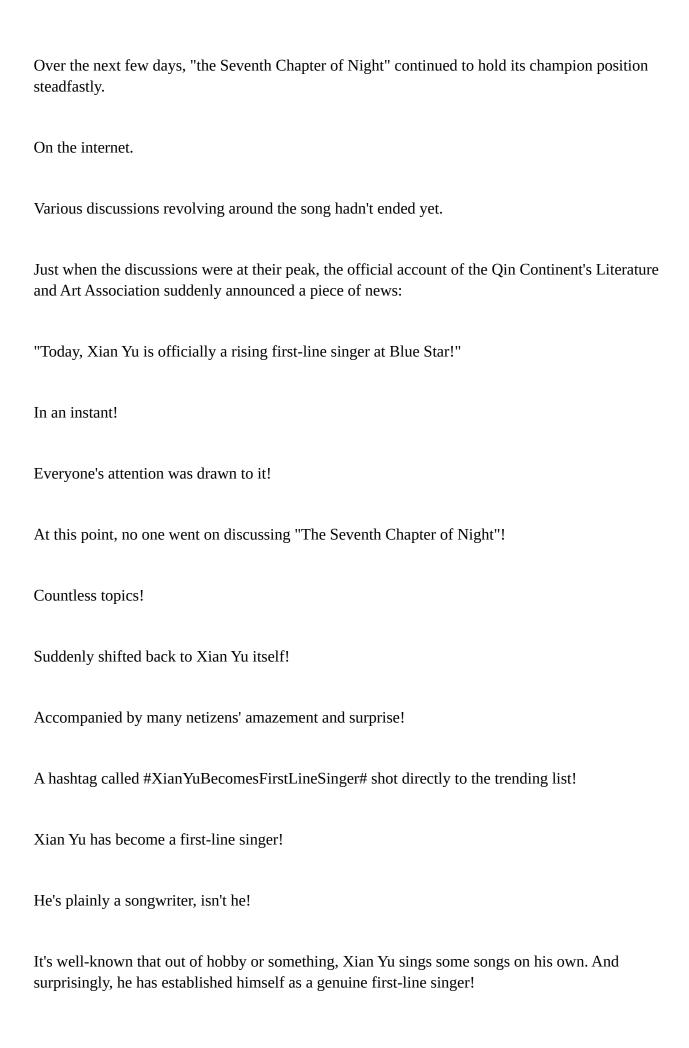
As long as this song can sweep all of them, the ranking will not be bad. But I don't want to talk about rankings now, I just want to say, this song is mind-blowingly awesome, probably the kind that will be repeatedly analyzed by the music world across five continents!"

Netizens are a little stunned.

Is it really that incredible?
Once a certain trend forms, it's hard for people to swim against the current.
More people will just follow the trend.
If professionals are saying this song is awesome, and I can't see it, wouldn't that show my aesthetic is too low?
"Incredible!"
"Really Incredible!"
"Such powerful composition!"
"The arrangement is genius!"
"The more I listen, the more amazing I think it is!"
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Goodness.
No one mentions how this song was crowed the champion by Sherlock's fans, everyone has become a fan of Fish, to the point where some people even say this is Xian Yu's most incredible song, somewhat overzealous.
Of course.
Some are mindlessly praising, and some are not.
Some professionals even made specific videos and articles, properly explaining to netizens the fantastic aspects of this song.

On Earth.
The initial reaction to "The Seventh Chapter of Night" when it was first released, was nothing exaggerated.
Having said that.
This may also have to do with the fact that all the other works in this album are utterly astonishing.
As everyone knows.
Director Zhou's first few albums are all gems.
Because the first few were so powerful, the many songs Director Zhou wrote afterwards have all been described as mediocre.
The explosive professional reputation of this song started with analysis from various GOAT.
Similar analyses can be found in abundance on various video websites.
Blue Star was not an exception.
For some musicians, popularity seemed to have little to do with the depth of their work, but they were certainly experts in analyzing how incredible "The Seventh Chapter of Night" was!
This only made the song even hotter!
The difference between this song and Xian Yu's other songs is that
Xian Yu's other songs, such as "Red Roses" and the like, are often selected in karaoke lounges!
Only this one, which was the champion of the season, is almost never chosen in KTV.

It's just too difficult for ordinary people to sing!
The industry's analysis of the song's popularity problem, in the face of this fact, obtained compelling evidence.
However, most songs that have problems with popularity can hardly achieve good results.
This song is one of the rare exceptions.
And this was beyond what Lin Yuan had expected.
He didn't expect "The Seventh Chapter of Night" to experience another surge of popularity because of its rave reviews.
Is the soaring number of downloads really from people who love it?
If everyone really loves this song, would they love Director Zhou's next professional dark themed mega hit even more in the future?
That song is said to be an upgraded version of "The Seventh Chapter of Night".
Well.
No need to fuss about that now.
That song doesn't need to be brought up just yet.
What Lin Yuan needs to think about now is, should Shadow make a move?
And after Chu Kuang finishes "The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes", what should he write next? Chapter 694: Trinity



Exactly. Despite Xian Yu often competes with the singing kings and queens from various continents, being a first-line singer in the music industry is still a high-profile position that not just anyone can achieve! Therefore. Seeing Xian Yu becoming a first-line singer, many people's expressions became peculiar. Probably even Xian Yu himself didn't expect that he would become a first-line singer in the music industry as a songwriter, did he? "Fucking hell, Xian Yu becomes the first-line singer!" "Consider it this way, Fish Papa is the best singer among all the composers in Blue Star, at the same time he is the best composer among all the singers?" "Fish Papa: I'm obviously a composer, but I accidentally became a first-line singer." "I fucking didn't realize at all that Fish Papa has sung so many popular songs unconsciously!" "If Fish Papa is willing to sing more songs, wouldn't he pick up the title of King of Singing on the way?" "So the old saying is indeed correct, Fish Papa doesn't need to aim for the twelve consecutive

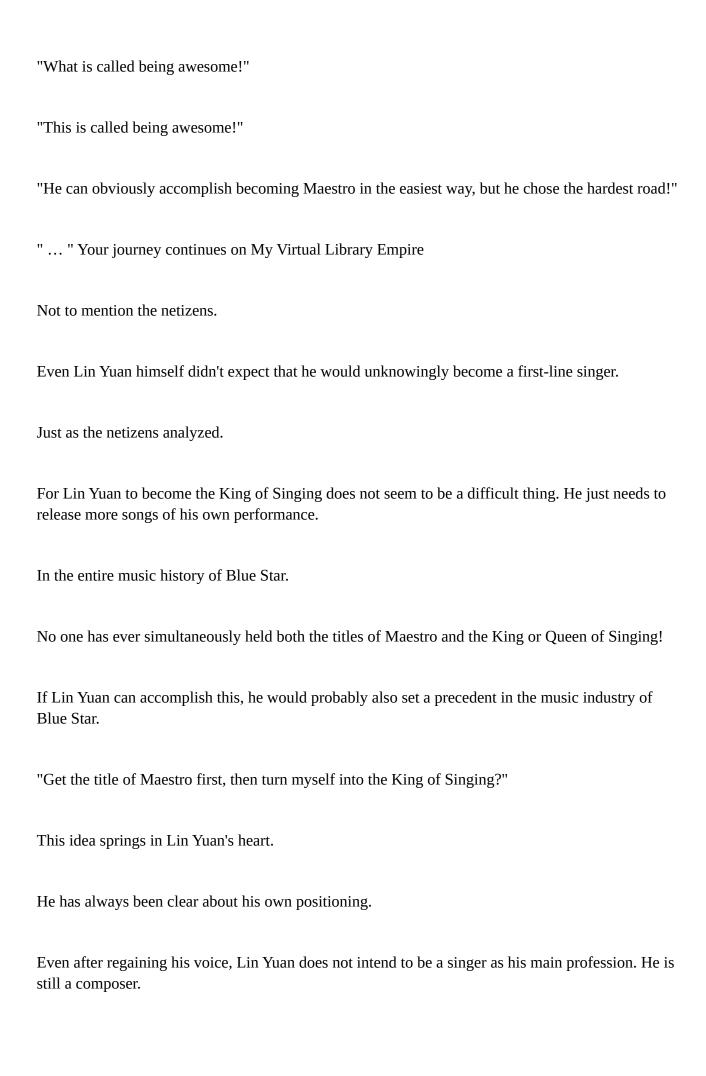
championships; if he wants to become Maestro, just prop himself up to be the King of Singing, and

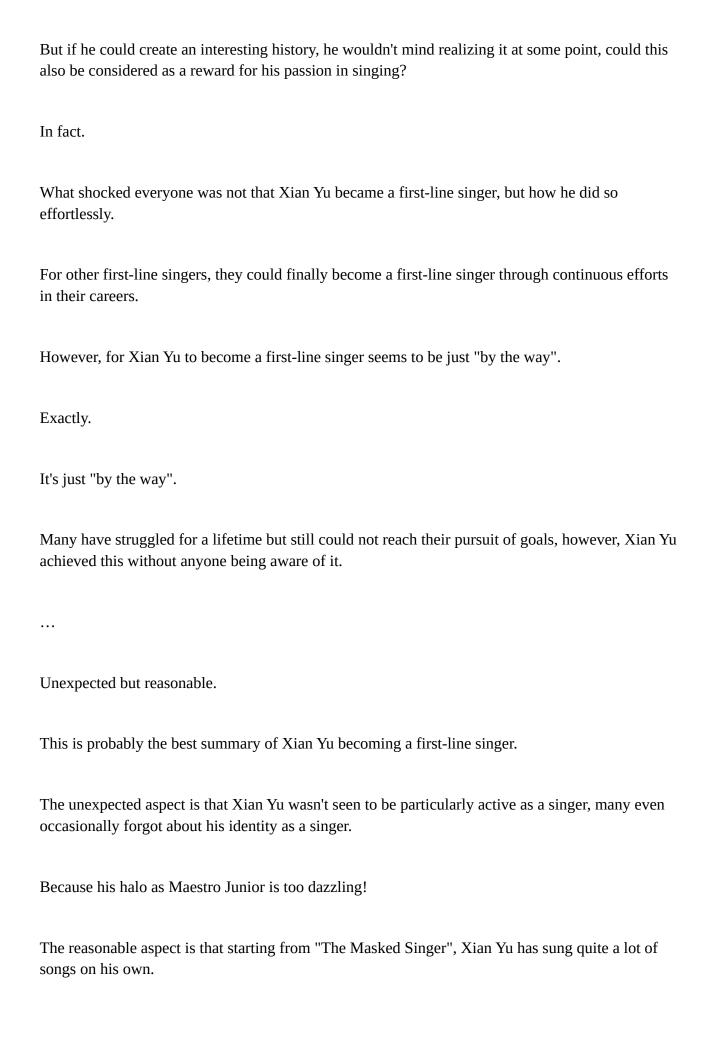
"If you have to admit, it won't be difficult for Fish Papa to become the King of Singing, right?"

"After all, both Xian Yu and Jiang Kui have already reached the level of the King and Queen of Singing in terms of their strength. It's just that the sales of their personal performance works haven't caught up yet. Besides, Fish Papa is stronger than Jiang Kui, after he sings, he has significantly

push Jiang Kui to be the Queen of Singing, right?"

bested quite a few Kings and Queens of Singing!"





All these songs were hits!

The accumulated popularity and data together have established Xian Yu's status as a first-line singer.

"I suddenly had a terrifying thought!"

On the internet, a netizen posted: "Everyone knows that there are three ways to become Maestro, do you think Fish Papa could possibly achieve all of these at once, that is, he won the twelve consecutive championships, brought up the King and Queen of Singing, and also won an award from the Literature and Art Association for one of his works, becoming the first-ever three-in-one Maestro in history....."

This post instantly garnered a significant number of discussions.

"If he really makes this, can Fish Papa's status directly reach the level of Yang Zhongming?"

"No way!"

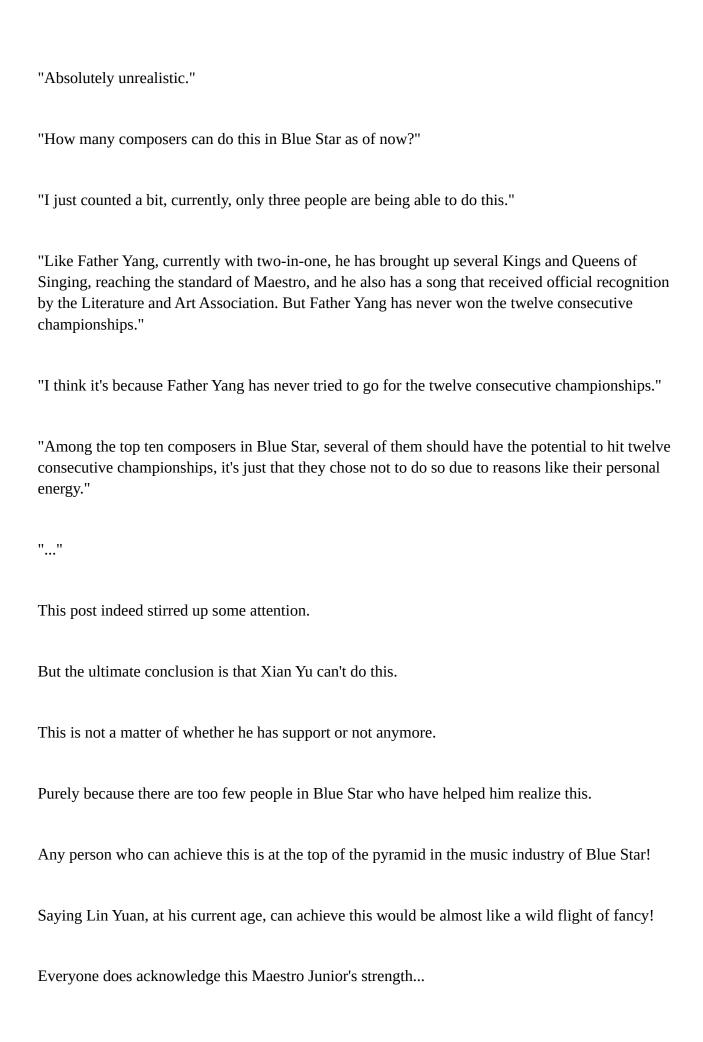
"Firstly, the twelve consecutive championships is still an unknown. This month's "The Seventh Chapter of Night" is clearly struggling to win the championship. Without the help of Fu Mi, Fish Papa might have overturned on this."

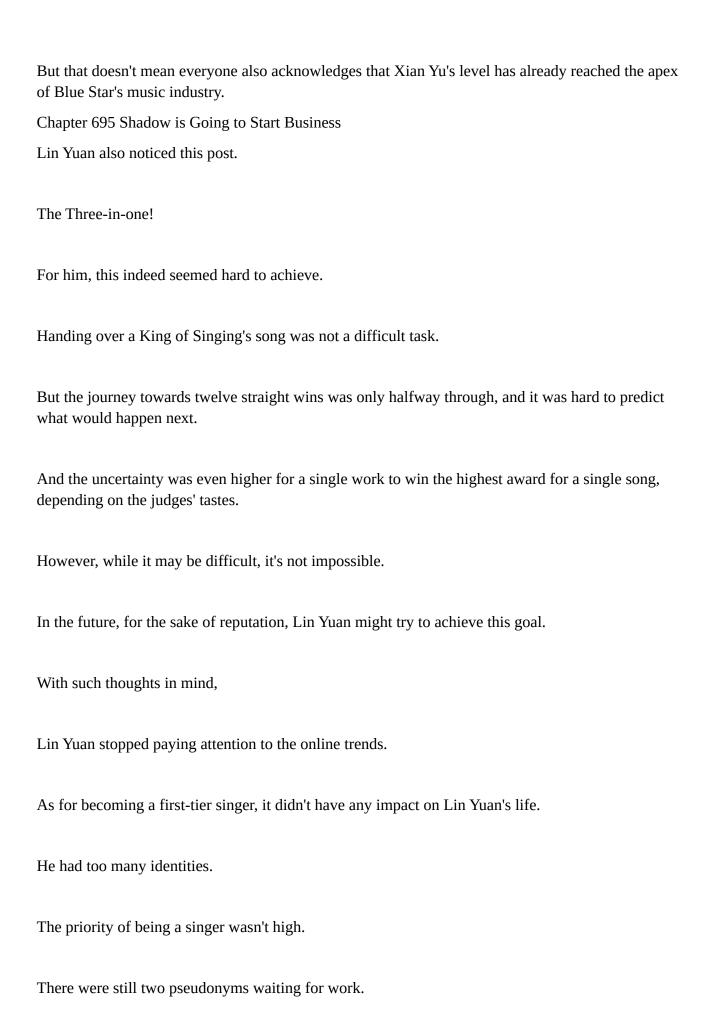
"Saying Fish Papa could bring up the King and Queen of Singing and become Maestro based on this is still possible."

"As for some of Fish Papa's works directly getting the recognition from the Literature and Art Association, the difficulty of this is just a tiny bit easier than Fish Papa making it through the twelve consecutive championships. The only universally accepted way to become Maestro now is to bring up two singers of the King and Queen level."

"Not talking about reaching Father Yang's level, as long as Xian Yu achieves three-in-one, he would directly make it to the top ten composers in Blue Star!"

"Though I am Xian Yu's fan, I can only say, this thought is too insane."





The first one was Chu Kuang, who had just finished "Detective Conan". Chu Kuang had been writing for several years without any rest. According to usual practice, Lin Yuan should be considering Chu Kuang's next work. But these days, Lin Yuan thought about giving Chu Kuang a break for a while. As a result, it was time for Shadow to get to work. Primarily because Shadow had been resting for too long. If Shadow doesn't start working soon, his low-profile persona would become even stronger. If this continues, everyone would probably forget that Shadow is one of the Three Bros. Right. Shadow's task was definitely still to create manga. As for the theme of Shadow's next manga, Lin Yuan already had a general idea. He wanted to draw a detective manga based on mystery elements! However, when it came to the specific choice of manga, Lin Yuan was somewhat hesitant. He had two works that were quite fitting. One was a manga paying homage to "Detective Conan", also known as Grim Reaper Elementary Student!

Well, its real name was "Detective Conan".

The other was the relatively niche "The Kindaichi Case Files".
If considering only the breadth of the audience, he would definitely choose Conan.
But,
When considering the professionalism of deduction, "The Kindaichi Case Files" was more impressive.
The professionalism of deduction in this manga reached novel-level standards.
Many national films and TV detective cases have imitated Kindaichi's work.
Including the Celestial Dynasty's "The Young Detective" and various criminal police case-solving dramas.
Lin Yuan was torn by this choice.
If it came to making money, he would definitely look to Conan. However, Lin Yuan is no longer the penny-pinching young man he once was.
For Shadow, reputation is also vital!
However, Lin Yuan only wavered for ten minutes before finding his answer:
Only children make choices!
Grown-ups want it all!
He might as well draw both manga!

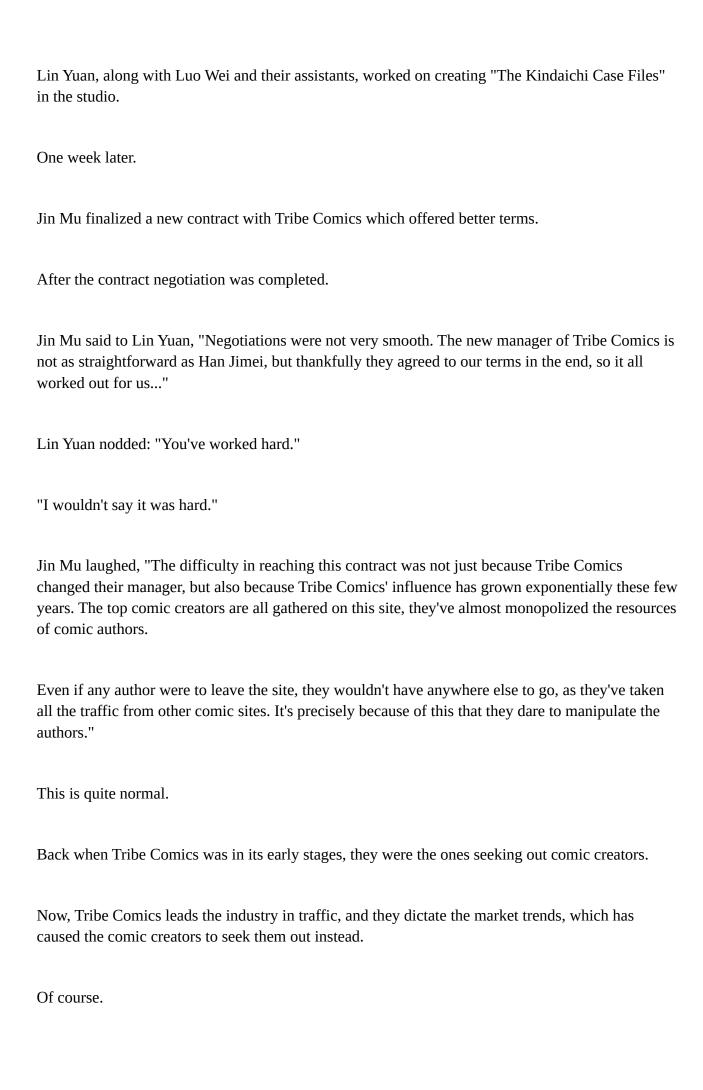


Jin Mu was stunned: "Mystery is a popular element in novels, but it's quite niche in manga"
"Niche, you say?"
Lin Yuan looked at Jin Mu.
Jin Mu tapped his forehead: "Sorry, I was not thinking straight If it's you, even a mystery manga could become popular. There shouldn't be any issue."
That's right.
Even after following Lin Yuan for so long, Jin Mu still subconsciously thought according to conventional rules.
But who is his boss?
Does his boss ever care about whether the theme is niche?
Even the coldest of themes always become popular under Lin Yuan's hands, don't they?
Take Chu Kuang's novels, for example, though they all have cold themes, they all end up creating a massive impact!
Even Xian Yu's songs have started featuring niche elements.
Who would have thought that the recent "The Seventh Chapter of Night," which had a dark and suspenseful style, would be a hit?
Even for Shadow, wasn't "King of the Net" a niche theme?
Yet, didn't it end up exploding in popularity?









For comic creators like Shadow, the impact isn't particularly large. Tribe Comics still values its top comic authors and is still willing to make concessions in contracts, though the size of these concessions is certainly smaller than before, and negotiations concerning the distribution of profits have become more difficult. "It's normal." Lin Yuan speaks up. He feels this is because Shadow's influence isn't quite big enough yet. If Shadow had the same industry influence as Chu Kuang and Xian Yu, then there would definitely not be any similar issues, as the terms Jin Mu proposes are practically never too harsh. Chu Kuang and Xian Yu never had any problems concerning contract negotiations either. Perhaps things will change once "Detective Conan" is released. "The promotion will be launched tonight, we should confirm the exact release date for our comic." "Let's do it tonight then." Over the past few days, Lin Yuan, Luo Wei and the other assistants have created enough drafts for the early issues of the comic. "All right."

Finally, the message that Shadow was releasing a new comic was officially announced on Tribe Comics' official platform:

Jin Mu continued to liaise with Tribe Comics.

[Teacher Shadow's first mystery comic "The Kindaichi Case Files" will be officially released on the Tribe Comics platform at 8 o'clock tonight. Please look forward to it!]
This sudden surprise hit Shadow's fans hard!
This lazy guy Shadow is finally releasing a new comic!
Since the end of "Death Note" last year, Shadow seemed to have disappeared, with no news of any new works—
Until today.
People have been asking online where Shadow had gone.
Why isn't Shadow drawing new comics?
Some of Shadow's fans even went to the comment section of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, Shadow's two good bros, to ask why there had been no news from Shadow.
Unfortunately, neither Chu Kuang nor Xian Yu responded.
About this, Shadow's fans could only guess: Read latest stories on My Virtual Library Empire
Shadow's laziness must have kicked in again!
Don't forget that Shadow has a history of this!
For instance, even though he has exceptional drawing skills, the two comics before "Death Note" were not drawn earnestly.
Without the criticisms from the Chu Continent comic creators that year, he probably wouldn't have displayed his best drawing skills in classics like "Death Note", but instead, would have continued to halfheartedly create.

Never seen such a willful comic creator before!
Now seeing news of Shadow's new work, the fans finally breathe a sigh of relief:
"Looks like he's still alive."
"Among the three bros, Xian Yu is the most diligent one, but even Chu Kuang, whose reputation is so rotten, is very diligent in updating his novels. Shadow, however, always thinks about how to be lazy despite his immense talent."
"I almost thought he had switched his career to become an illustrator."
"Ever since "Death Note" was completed, only when Chu Kuang was writing his novels could we see Shadow's name under the column of illustrators. And his drawing skills are still incredibly good."
"However, the theme of this new comic is really interesting!"
"It's a mystery comic! Are there any popular mystery comics in Blue Star?"
"There has never been a popular mystery comic."
"Would Shadow end up drawing a detective comic after having watched 'The Great Detective Sherlock Holmes'?"
"Is this some kind of collab with that old rascal Chu Kuang?"
"Xian Yu's 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' is the definition of a collab. At most, Shadow is just riding the coattails of the detective fad."
"I have to admit, even though I have no interest in detective stories, when I heard that Shadow was going to draw a detective comic for his next work, I was intrigued. After all, the quality of his comics is undeniable."

"Who would've thought that Shadow would also dip into detective stories? He's like the Chu Kuang of the comic world, mastering all themes!"
"In terms of their diverse range of themes, the Three Bros are all rather talented, looking forward to 'The Kindaichi Case Files'!"
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Despite his nearly year-long hiatus, Shadow's popularity hadn't diminished in the slightest. The number of his followers was still high, given that his three prior comics were all successful.
In his fans' anticipation.
The comic was finally launched and published on schedule at 8 o'clock that evening!
Swipe swipe!
Shadow's fans were the first to open up the comic!
On the 'Newly Popular' chart.
This comic, named 'The Kindaichi Case Files', quickly soared up to the top five!
This is the bonus that fame brings!
Regardless of the theme of the work, as long as the author is renowned, the minute it's published it can instantly attract numerous readers.
Not just readers.
Some fellow comic artists on the Tribe website, out of curiosity, opened up this comic as well.

If this was an ordinary detective comic, or if it was by another author, everyone would undoubtedly underestimate it due to its niche theme.
But the themes of Shadow's earlier comics weren't exactly popular either, yet they all became more successful than the last!
Given this, no one dared to make an offhand guess on whether this comic will be a hit
However.
When the insiders, the comic artists, finished reading the initial content, their expressions changed almost in synchrony, becoming hesitant.
How should they put it?
This comic is amazing!
The storyline is of superior quality!
The detective aspect is rather hardcore!
But
It seems like Shadow hasn't entirely broken away from the niche aura emitted by detective comics?
Or perhaps only partway?
Anyway, it feels different than what they had expected.
Maybe it's just because the plot hasn't fully unfolded yet?
The fellow comic artists were lost in thought.

The comment section of the comic.
It was bustling with activity.
But the two most popular posts with the highest reply rate revealed two drastically different reader attitudes.
The first view:
"Shadow is indeed badass as always. Just judging by the opening chapter, this is definitely the best detective comic I've ever read. The detective aspect gives a taste of orthodox mystery, the plot setting is extremely precise, the artwork style is impressively cool as always, and the first story arc is full of twists and turns. Looking forward to the future developments!"
The second view:
"The artwork style undoubtedly reigns supreme, as does the detective aspect. But somehow I just don't enjoy detective stories—I tried to read it but I felt only mildly drawn to it. I'll wait and see if there will be any interesting twists later."
The reviews weren't bad at all!
However, the two divergent attitudes in the readers' comments were rather thought-provoking.
At that time, Lin Yuan was sitting in front of his computer, not at all surprised by the commentary.
This comic is best suited for building up reputation and earning acclaim.
If he wants a hype explosion, he still needs 'Detective Conan.'
The story of 'Grim Reaper Elementary Student' is perfect for family entertainment. Even those who do not like detective stories can enjoy it, because the character design and story threshold of Conan are very low, and the badass atmosphere and satisfactions are quite popularized.

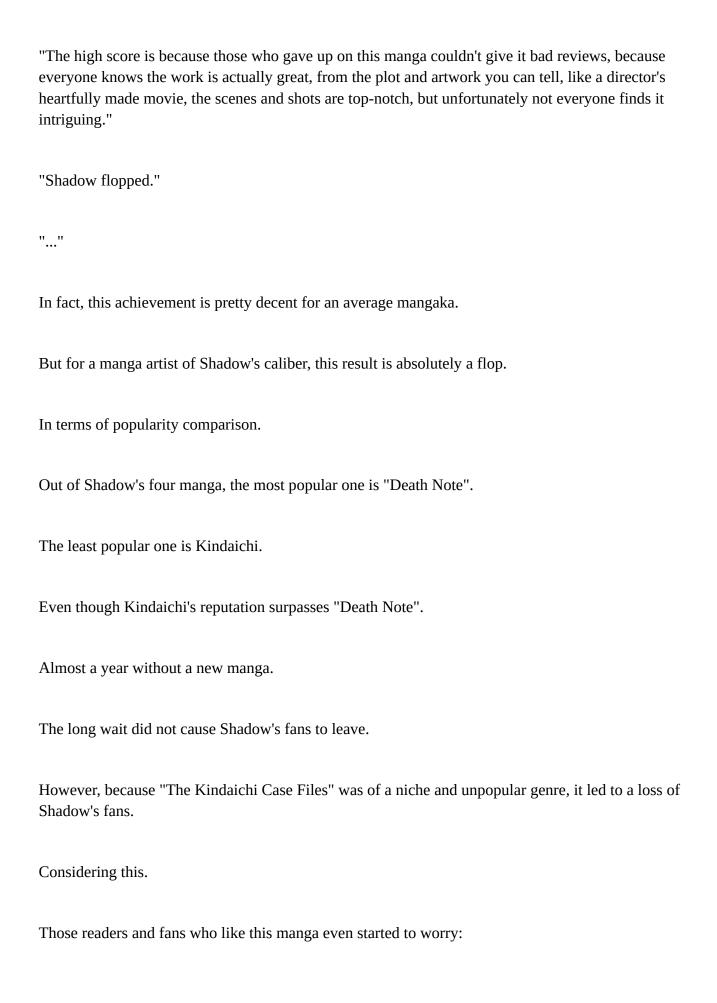
"I'll roll out Conan in a while." As he switched off the computer, Lin Yuan had already come to a decision. Chapter 697: Applauded but not Popular In the days to follow, "The Kindaichi Case Files" continued to be serialized, with more and more new content coming out. On the Starry Sky website. The rating was out. The manga called "The Kindaichi Case Files" had unbelievably achieved a rare rating of 9.5 points! The reviews were through the roof! It was the highest-rated of all the manga Shadow had released, with readers becoming more and more satisfied with its plot twist. Even many people claimed that "The Kindaichi Case Files" was the best quality detective manga among all Blue Star Comics! But what was odd... Despite being the best-reviewed of all Shadow's published works, this manga's popularity didn't seem to explode in relation to its ratings and reviews! On the contrary. While Kindaichi's reputation continued to rise, the popularity of this manga actually dropped slightly from the first day? Yes, it was dropping! Continue reading stories on My Virtual Library Empire On the new work chart, Kindaichi gradually slipped from the first day's top position to the second.

The one to surpass Shadow was a new work from a less famous mangaka. It looked like the third place was closing in on Kindaichi fast, maybe it could push Kindaichi to third place in a few days? The situation was now clear. Shadow's new manga was critically acclaimed but not popular among readers! On one hand, there were waves of positive reviews and ratings, but on the other hand, there was a daily decline in rankings and popularity! In the past, this would have been an impossible situation. No one ever thought Shadow's manga could end up being critically acclaimed but not popular! The industry finally stopped hesitating and doubting: "After all, detective stories are niches. Even Shadow cannot save this category's low popularity and attention." "No matter how good the reviews are, insufficient sales still make it pointless!" "This time Shadow chose the wrong theme."

"Shadow thought he could draw a niche detective story and readers would still be interested, but in the end, he has proved to be overly arrogant."

"The artwork is really good, the plot is really good, everyone acknowledges that this manga is excellent, but such a theme is destined to not be universally popular."

"The reason for the high rating is that those who don't like this manga have given up."



Would Shadow end up cutting short "The Kindaichi Case Files"?
Manga readers were well-experienced.
They knew it well!
Some manga artists, when facing disappointing sales of new works, often stopped the unsuccessful work to start a new one.
Especially a manga artist like Shadow who became super popular right out of the gate!
The previous three manga each more popular than the last, suddenly the fourth manga was underperforming, successful in reviews but unpopular among readers.
Under such a huge drop, could Shadow withstand such a blow?
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Of course, Lin Yuan could withstand such a blow.
Whether it was a flop or not, "The Kindaichi Case Files" was clearly a popular manga.
It's just that everyone subconsciously benchmarked the popularity of this manga with "Death Note".
Compared to his previous work, the performance of this manga was not satisfactory.
But in the whole manga circle, this manga was still very successful, not to mention that the reviews were so positive!
Anyway, Lin Yuan had no plans to stop this manga.
It would be too hurtful to those readers who truly loved this manga.



The expressions on Luo Wei and Jin Mu's faces became strange. Just as the two were about to say something, Jin Mu's phone rang. Jin Mu went out to answer the call. After the call, Jin Mu returned to the office, his face looked somewhat uneasy. Luo Wei asked, "What happened?" Jin Mu snapped, "Tribe Comics hinted at us abandoning 'The Kindaichi Case Files' to start a new project." Luo Wei was drawing, her hand paused suddenly, she no longer wanted to continue drawing. She spoke coldly: "Didn't Tribe Comics always refrain from meddling with authors' affairs? The contract also stipulates that the website should not interfere with the author's creation. Their hint to cut off the comic is very unfair to readers who are waiting for updates!" Luo Wei still loved 'The Kindaichi Case Files' very much. From her personal feelings, she absolutely did not want to abandon this comic. Although this piece did not perform as well as Shadow's previous three works, it was nowhere near discontinuation. Lin Yuan also frowned slightly. Tribe Comics had somewhat overstepped their boundaries.

Jin Mu sighed, "They understand the contract, so it was just a suggestion. I've already declined it. This is pure capitalist behavior. They think we can make more money by starting a new project than

'The Kindaichi Case Files'."



Jin Mu has always had no power to sway the decisions of his boss, so he did not continue to insist: "What is the theme of the new project?"
Cuisine?
Competition?
Or continue following the successful path, drawing a cunningly-crafted intellectual comic like "Death Note"?
"Mystery."
Lin Yuan spoke.
Poof!
Luo Wei almost fell over.
Jin Mu was also utterly confused, "What?"
Lin Yuan had to repeat himself: "Mystery."
Luo Wei: ""
Jin Mu: ""
The new project is still a mystery comic?
Teacher Shadow, is it us or is there something wrong with you?
Chapter 698: He Said He Doesn't Accept
Tribe Comics.

In the meeting room.

The new manager, Ling Kong, stated with a stern face, "Tribe Comics is currently the highest-ranking website in the industry, but I don't want us to grow complacent as we still have plenty of room to grow. The issue I want to raise today is that our company's contracts with top writers are too lenient.

I'm not suggesting that my predecessor did a poor job; quite the contrary, they did an admirable job attracting over ninety percent of the industry's outstanding comic artists to our site under the most favourable terms, making our site grow rapidly. However, now that our site has developed and we can provide better resources for the authors, shouldn't they contribute more?

This is where my predecessor fell short... Business isn't run on goodwill, and no company can sustain itself on it alone..."

No one speaks up.

The new manager began drastic changes in the company's system soon after taking over, showing a clear trend towards "de-Han-jimeization".

This was only to be expected.

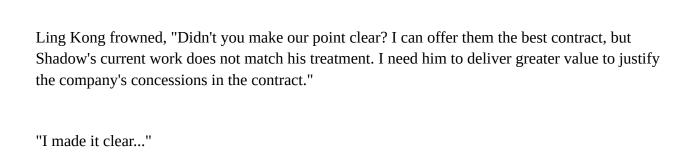
The new manager didn't want to be seen as picking low hanging fruit at Tribe Comics.

Eager to make the website better, he wanted to prove that he was more suitable for his current position than Han Jimei.

After the opening remarks.

Ling Kong turned to his deputy editor on the right, "How did the negotiation with Shadow go?"

The deputy editor replied with difficulty, "They are unwilling to cut the 'Kindaichi Case Files' in half."



The deputy editor forced a smile, "But Teacher Shadow doesn't listen to our company... Ms. Han... cough, Han Jimei also once stated that Tribe Comics would give Shadow the greatest creative freedom..."

"What I hate the most is the disobedience of my subordinates. Do you all understand now?"

Ling Kong scanned the audience, "My predecessor spoiled these comic artists, especially the toptier ones. If Shadow wants to continue drawing, he can do so, but his promotion power will be reduced until he realizes that his achievement doesn't justify his treatment. My philosophy, I believe, is clear to you all: reputation is worthless compared to sales.

This will also be the philosophy of our website from now on."

"Well..."

The deputy editor began, "But Shadow has agreed to start a new comic."

"A double launch?"

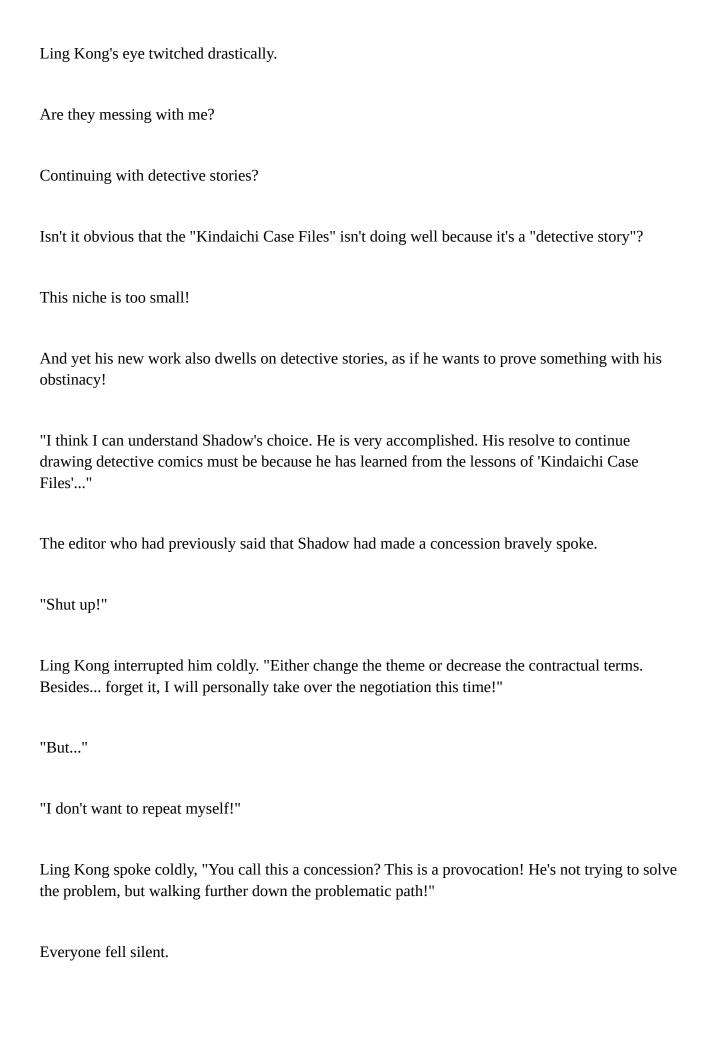
The other editors expressed surprise.

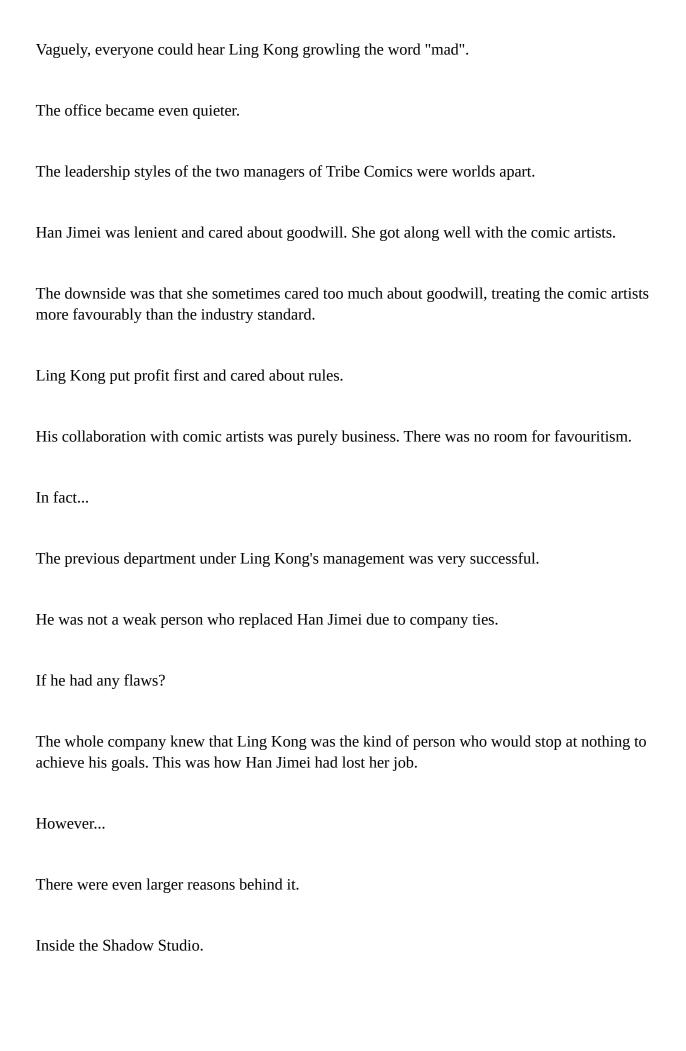
One of them hesitated a little and said,

"If Teacher Shadow has decided to do a double launch, it means that although he hasn't completely followed your requirements, he has still made a concession. In his previous three comics, Teacher Shadow never made any concessions to the company..."

Many others nodded in agreement.

Many seasoned editors who had been there during Han Jimei's tenure were present.
These senior editors knew that Shadow had a strong stance in his interactions with Tribe Comics.
Before the release of "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma", Han Jimei had tried to persuade Shadow to change his mind, as the market for food comics was tough.
But Shadow flatly ignored her advice.
This time, Shadow's willingness to do a double launch was indeed a rare concession.
"Double launch, huh?"
Ling Kong's face softened slightly, "It seems he's being sensible. If that's the case, then we can work with it. These comic artists are not unlike snobbish literati; they cherish their pride, which I understand and can give them. If only pride could be used to pay for meals What's the theme of the new work?"
"Detective story"
The voice of the deputy editor was faint.
"What?"
Ling Kong thought he had heard wrong.
"Detective story"
The deputy editor's voice became even fainter, like a mosquito, but everyone in the room heard it clearly.
The audience's faces changed instantly.





Luo Wei turned to a group of assistants:

"The updates for 'Kindaichi Case Files' need to speed up. Everyone needs to contribute to the drawing. As you've been learning from Teacher Shadow for so long, you should have developed the capability to draw independently by now. Meanwhile, we need to dig another hole for a new project..."

The group responded with excitement!

This brings us to the everyday life of the studio.

Lin Yuan is a manga creator and chief artist, as well as Luo Wei's teacher, regularly teaching her traditional Chinese painting.

Apart from traditional Chinese painting, Lin Yuan also teaches Luo Wei how to draw manga.

Under the Teacher's Halo, Luo Wei's manga drawing skills improved rapidly, to the point where she is now worthy of substituting for Lin Yuan.

In his downtime, Lin Yuan also teaches other studio assistants how to draw manga.

After activating the Teacher's Halo, and years of instruction, his assistants' drawing skills have vastly improved!

Everyone is now eager to put their skills to the test!

God knows to what extent they have learned from Teacher Shadow!

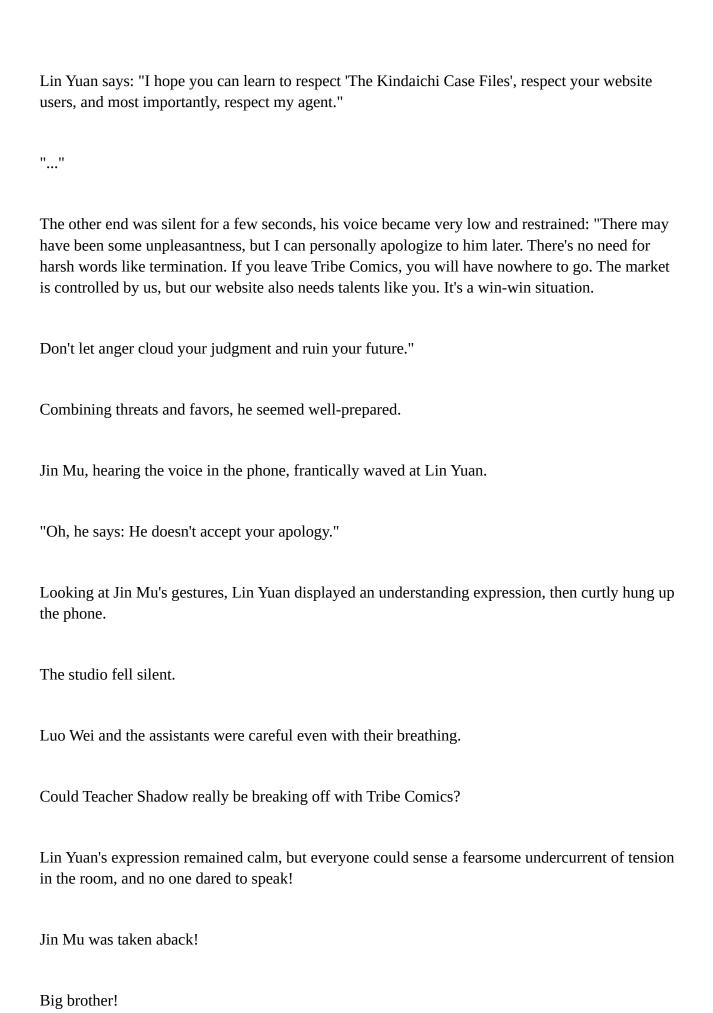
There's a reason why Lin Yuan is doing this, of course.

He has many manga to release in the future, and it's too much for one person, even with Luo Wei's help, so he must train more helpers.



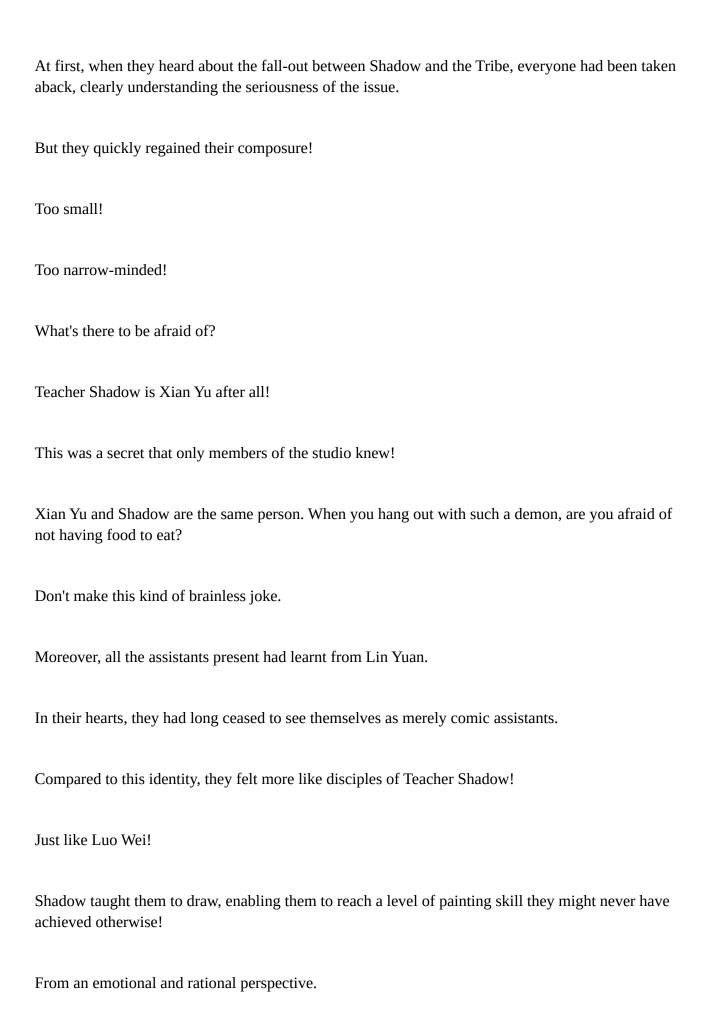
Even if more series are launched, Lin Yuan can still maintain control!
As for Lin Yuan, would the plot and storyboard be a problem?
For other manga artists this may require deep reflection, but in Lin Yuan's mind, these are already settled!
With a slight smile on his face,
Lin Yuan watches Luo Wei rally the others.
Meanwhile,
Jin Mu receives another phone call: "It's from Tribe Comics."
Saying this, Jin Mu goes to the next room to take the call.
Lin Yuan, while watching Luo Wei interact with the assistants, leans in the doorway and listens in for a while.
The discussion between Jin Mu and the other party seems quite unpleasant.
Faintly, Lin Yuan hears the man on the phone shouting at Jin Mu: "You third-class agent don't understand human speech! You're not worthy of dealing with me, let your boss speak to me before I lose my temper!"
"Alright."
Jin Mu keeps a straight face, as if everything is normal, and looks at Lin Yuan: "Boss, the new leader of Tribe Comics wants to speak with you."
"Hmm."

Lin Yuan takes the phone: "This is Shadow."
"Teacher Shadow, I am Ling Kong, the new supervisor of Tribe Comics, I have some ideas about your new manga"
"No need."
Lin Yuan calmly says: "I've decided to cancel the cooperation with Tribe Comics."
"What?"
The other side was stunned.
Jin Mu's expression changed as well. Your next journey awaits at My Virtual Library Empire
Luo Wei and the assistants looked at each other in confusion.
What did Teacher Shadow just say?
He's cancelling the collaboration with Tribe Comics?
Lin Yuan's tone remained steady:
"About the current manga collaboration, we can terminate the contract."
"Shadow!"
The voice on the other end become cold: "You're not thinking clearly now. We can sit down and talk this over. I respect you, I hope you can respect me."
"I do respect you."









Shadow is their teacher!
The bond between teacher and disciple was very important on Blue Star!
Being a disciple means they must follow wherever the teacher goes!
Of course.
This also has to do with the group's inflated confidence. The assistants, having learned a lot from Lin Yuan, have become quite arrogant.
Heaven is the greatest.
Earth comes second.
They rank third.
Heaven represents Shadow, earth represents Luo Wei. At least in the minds of these comic assistants, this was the ranking. The people in the studio had long been boasting that they were unbeatable.
When things came to this, everyone began to comfort Jin Mu, filled with righteous indignation.
Our studio is so awesome, why would our agent be bullied by outsiders?
There's no reason for it!
Lin Yuan also comforted him with a smile: "There are so many comic websites, we can just find any other platform."
"Exactly!"

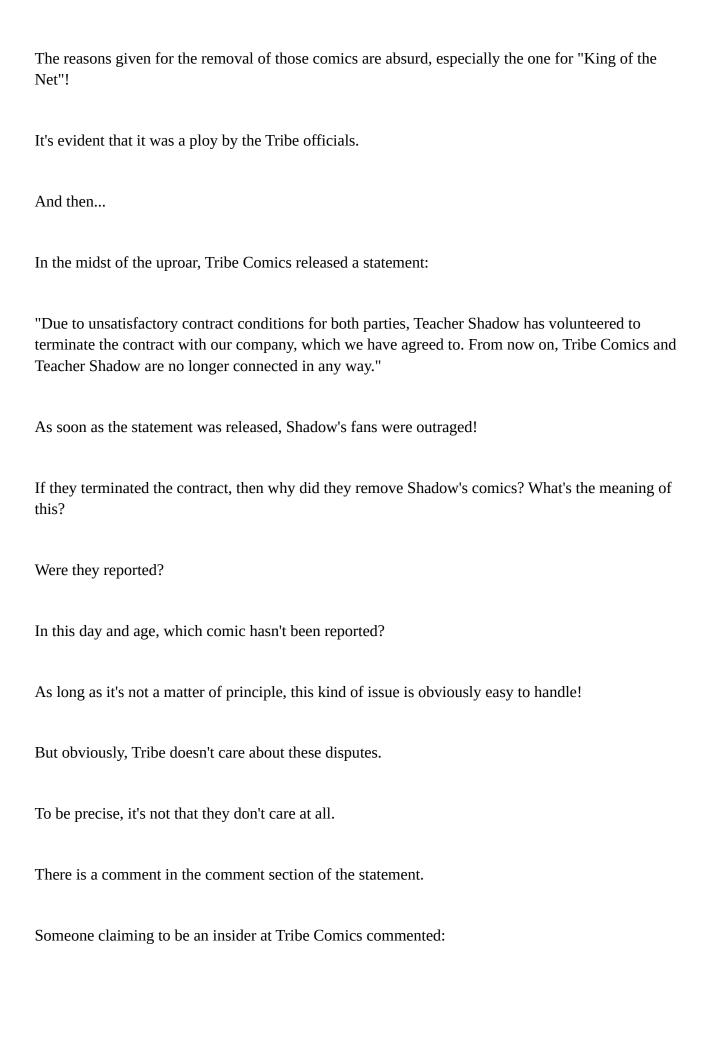
Luo Wei said: "With the reputation of our Teacher Shadow, even if we go to other websites, we can still thrive!"
"In my opinion, the reason why Tribe Comics is the number one website in the industry is because of us!"
A comic assistant with hands on the hips: "Once we leave, they won't be able to maintain that number one status!"
"That's right!"
The assistant next to him chimed in: "Wherever we go, that website becomes number one!"
Luo Wei: ""
Who gave you guys this courage? You think you are invincible?
Jin Mu: ""
Since when did these little assistants become so inflated?
Lin Yuan: ""
Even I don't dare to say these things.
Oh.
If I try hard, it seems I might dare. Stay connected with My Virtual Library Empire
Lin Yuan smiled: "Jin uncle, please go ahead with the contract termination negotiations with Tribe Comics."
-"Dealing with your shit again."



"The stakes are too high, will Silver Blue and Starlight agree?" "Under normal circumstances, it won't come to that." This is just a normal job-jumping for a website comic artist, Lin Yuan didn't think the matter was a big deal. However, Lin Yuan still underestimated the seriousness of the matter. That evening. The Tribe Comics made a move! Shadow's "Death Note" was blocked, the reason being that its value orientation was incorrect and had been reported by parents. Immediately after, "Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma" was blocked, the reason being that it was involved in adult content, and there were numerous lascivious scenes reported by parents. Then the ongoing "The Kindaichi Case Files" was blocked, the reason being that the content was too terrifying, and it was reported by parents. Finally "King of the Net" was also blocked. This time the reason was that parents reported that their children's sexual orientation had become abnormal after reading the comics? Could they find a more far-fetched reason? In short, all of Shadow's works were blocked! Shadow's official account on Tribe Comics could no longer be found, as if there was no such person at Tribe Comics!

To kill one thousand, self-harm eight hundred!
This was the decision of Tribe Comics!
Keep in mind, these comics of Shadow's have always been making money for Tribe Comics, and both sides are beneficiaries. Now Tribe Comics is desperate to cut off Shadow's sources of income, even if it means losing their share!
Banishment!
Ling Kong did what he said he would!
This was a full-scale ban from Tribe Comics!
This was a power crush from capitalism against individual influence. Anyway, Tribe Comics could afford the loss, but most of Shadow's income came from these comics!
In a flash!
The entire internet was shocked by this sudden move, nobody expected that a good person like Shadow would be banned outright by Tribe Comics overnight!
Chapter 700: Breaking Off
"What the hell is happening?"
Shadow's ban came as sudden as his unexpected announcement of a new comic release!
If the last time was a surprise, then this time it is outright shocking!
So unexpected!
Many people thought it was an April Fool's joke!





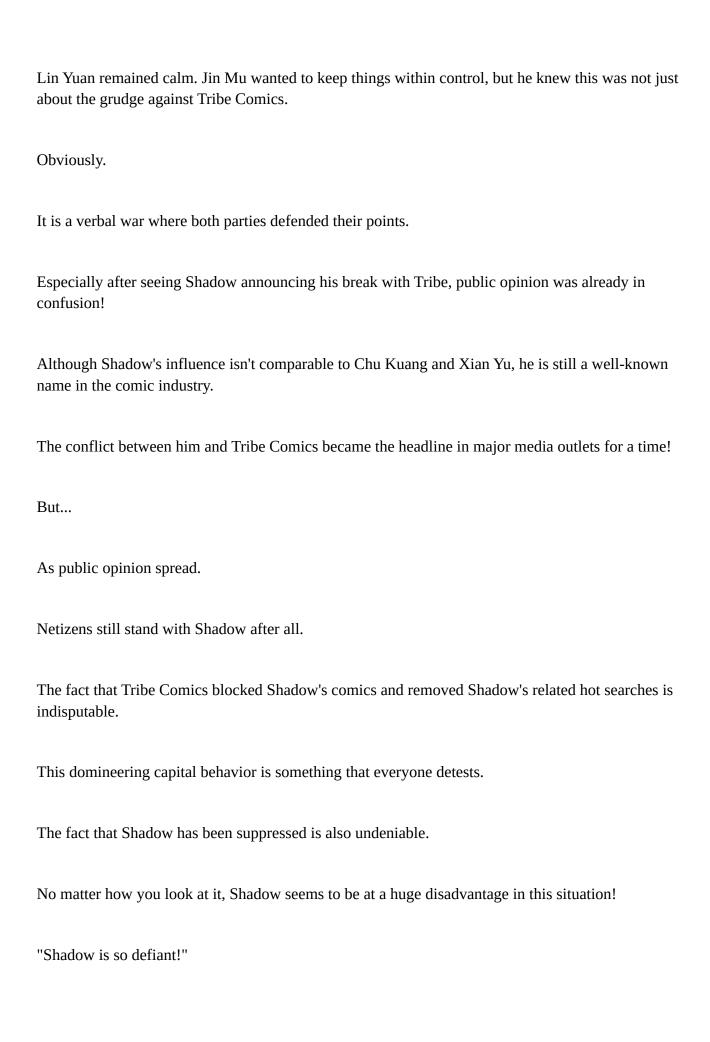
"The company told me to avoid this controversy, but I can't help it anymore. Shadow's manager is too greedy. He made very unfair contract demands. That agent even dared to swear at us when the negotiation reached a deadlock. I admit that Teacher Shadow's comics are great, but I strongly disagree with the rest.

I don't believe that the manager's actions behind the scenes don't reflect Teacher Shadow's interest, so canceling the cooperation might be the best outcome. I will surely get scolded for this comment by my superiors, but I don't care. Shadow's fans can scold me if they want!"

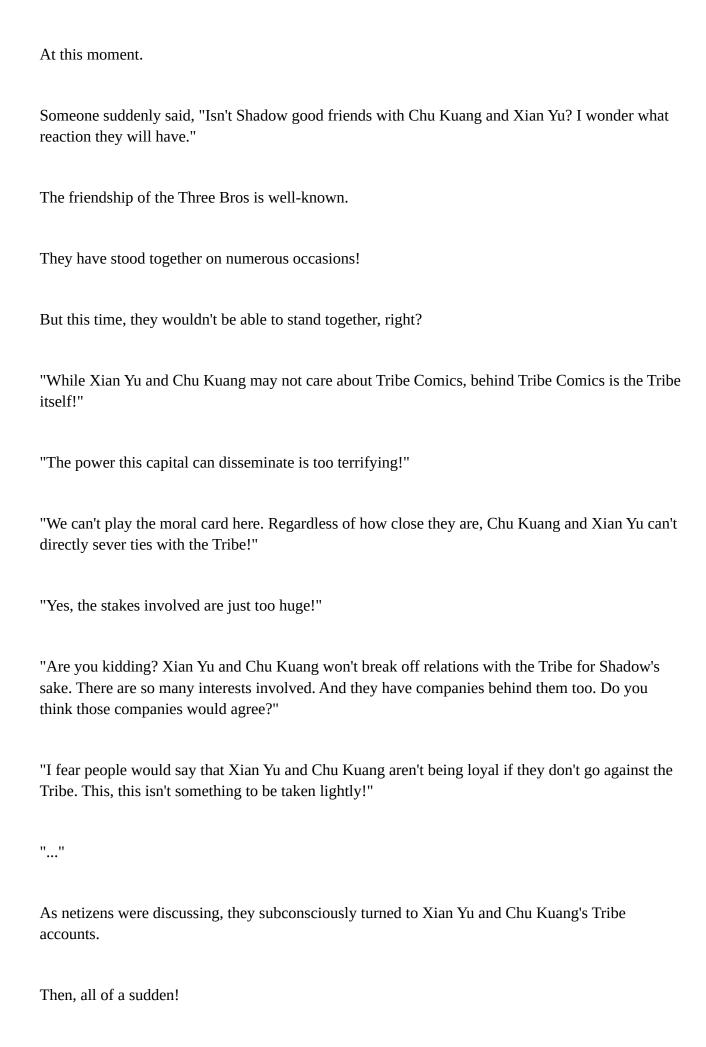
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This is inside information?
Many netizens were puzzled when they saw this comment.
Was it because Shadow was brooking controversy?
Or was his agent causing trouble?
Things started getting confusing.
Nobody was sure about how much truth there was in Tribe Comics' words.
This kind of dispute is always unresolved.
Meanwhile, inside Shadow Studio.
When Lin Yuan saw this comment, he directly gave Jin Mu a thumbs up.
"Damn!"
Jin Mu was upset: "I can't believe how awesome I turned out to be!"

Me, a small manager, dared to swear at the people from Tribe Comics, really?

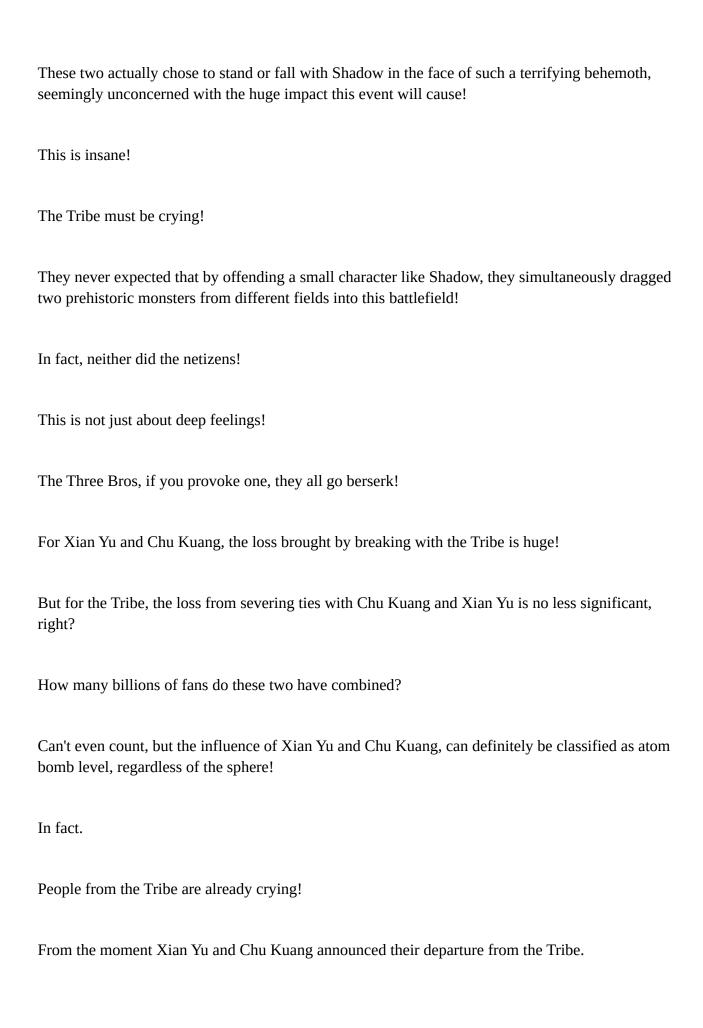




"Who would have thought he would want to quit the Tribe!"
"Tribe Comics is the industry's top comic website. If Shadow is banned by the Tribe, where else can he go?"
"He can only continue his comics on some smaller websites."
"But the problem is, those small websites can't handle the traffic, and you can't expect them to depend on Shadow's single comic to generate popularity."
"What comic website relies on a single comic artist to survive?"
"That's unrealistic. Even if the comic is super popular, it won't work. The Tribe has all the popular comics on them!"
"Moreover, Shadow's new comic isn't even that explosive. In fact, it's rather disappointing, not as popular as his previous works!"
"So, is Shadow done for?"
"Now that I think about it, I totally distrust Tribe Comics. Unless there was a special reason, why would Shadow willingly leave Tribe Comics? This choice brings no benefit to him at all!"
"All one can say is an individual's power is truly limited when faced with the might of capital."
"Indeed."
"Shadow's influence, after all, can't contend with a behemoth like the Tribe."
""
Seeing Shadow making such a firm decision, the public is pessimistic about his future.



Countless people almost popped their eyes out!
Xian Yu: "Effective immediately, permanently leaving the Tribe and terminating all co-operations."
Chu Kuang: "Effective immediately, permanently leaving the Tribe and terminating all cooperations."
At this moment!
Everyone's blood rushed to their heads, and they couldn't help but tremble slightly!
Fuck!
The break has happened!
It really happened!
Chu Kuang and Xian Yu have actually simultaneously announced a split with the Tribe. The content of their announcements is exactly the same as Shadow's!
Boom!
The music circle exploded!
The novel world also exploded!
The comic world is boiling over!
A terrifying wave of shock swept the country, and Xian Yu and Chu Kuang's posts directly shook all media outlets!
This is Xian Yu and Chu Kuang we're talking about, after all!



An irritating	shout of rag	e filled with	infinite ang	er and frustratio	on erupted in	the representa	ative
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"Fuck Tribe Comics!!!"